

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, ever attentive to our deepest needs, answer the prayers of the Members of Congress and bring them closer and closer to You.

Lord, once You draw souls close to You, people desire to hold on to Your presence, and so they pray. Then to give flesh and blood to prayerful sentiments and words, they enter into the realm of self-denial.

Finally, personal sacrifice, Lord, never seems worthwhile until it benefits another. So there are these three practices: prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. The three are really one, giving life to each other as they bring us closer to You, O Lord.

Let living faith and faith-filled practice lead us to You both now and forever.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BOSWELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOSWELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### COMMENDING PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER TO OVERTURN BAN ON FEDERAL FUNDING FOR EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

(Mr. BOSWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend President Obama for overturning former President Bush's ban on Federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

Lifting this 8-year-old restriction provides hope for doctors, scientists, and those in my district, our State, our country, who have waited far too long

for research that may provide them with cures for diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, cancer, and others.

Just this weekend, I met with a young lady who I've grown to know very well, Karli Borcherding, who lives with juvenile diabetes and has done a great service to so many by sharing her story and educating countless Americans on this life-altering illness. Each time I meet with her, she reminds me of the hope that stem cell research holds for not just her, but children and young people like her who live with this disease.

Stem cell research has the potential to revolutionize the way patients are treated. We must utilize the best minds and the best science to find cures for people living with chronic diseases.

Our ability to utilize and encourage scientific and medical research has been put on hold too long. I am confident that President Obama will continue to work to enhance medical research and bring renewed hope to those who deserve access to the best medicine possible.

#### NUCLEAR ENERGY VITAL TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday The Post and Courier of Charleston, South Carolina, editorialized the following: "President Obama's decision to abandon the national nuclear waste disposal site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, is a breathtakingly irresponsible dismissal of a vital project on which billions have already been spent. It extends a security risk at dozens of temporary waste disposal sites around the Nation and threatens to cripple the future nuclear development needed to advance national energy independence."

The editorial continues to say, "For South Carolina, it raises the likelihood that vast quantities of nuclear waste at the Savannah River site will simply remain there indefinitely. Congress should repudiate the administration's decision."

That is sound advice. Nuclear energy is clean energy. It has provided my home State over 50 percent of our electrical power for over 30 years and will continue to be an important part of our Nation's energy infrastructure.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

#### CONFIRMATION OF JOHN HOLDREN AND JANE LUBCHENCO

(Mr. HOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as the people today are talking about restoring

science and government to its rightful place, President Obama's nominees for Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration await confirmation. John Holdren and Jane Lubchenco are among the Nation's finest scientists, and we urgently need them at the forefront of our Nation's efforts to rebuild our economy with new discoveries and innovations, to transform our energy use with new technologies, and to manage our natural resources with enhanced understanding.

Today, I stood in the White House as the President talked about the new science policy; and later I stood in our Capitol dome, gazing up at the fresco of George Washington surrounded by the tools of our founders. My eyes were drawn to two scenes in particular, one named Oceans—or Marine—and the other Science. Our Nation's future prosperity is no less dependent upon a mastery of these fields today. I look forward to confirmation of my good friends, Dr. Lubchenco and Dr. Holdren, soon.

#### THE HUNGRY BEAST OF GOVERNMENT

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, if you tax something, you get less of it. In other words, when the almighty Federal Government swoops in and taxes someone or something, it stifles growth, production, and the incentive to work.

The number one producer of jobs in America is not the government, not large corporations, but small business. Most are owned by individuals, real people who hire other real people.

The new income tax hike is aimed right at these individuals, and the effect will be bad for jobs and the economy. It's the administration's way of punishing success. Small business owners have told me they aren't going to expand because they do not want to get in the higher tax bracket. Some have told me they're going to downsize to pay the new tax increase. That means, in simple terms, lay people off.

Why work hard and expand? The more you work, the higher percent of taxes taken from you by the hungry beast of government. No one should have their taxes raised during a recession, but the new economic recovery plan is: If it moves, regulate it; if it keeps moving, tax it; and if it stops moving, subsidize it.

And that's just the way it is.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives: